

**MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence**

**SUBJECT : Re-examination of Long-Range Requirements of the  
National Photographic Interpretation Center**

1. I have received a memorandum from the Director of Budget, Program Analysis and Manpower conveying to me your instruction that immediate steps be taken to re-examine the long-range requirements of the National Photographic Interpretation Center (NPIC) and that, in accordance with the Director's desires, this be done by a high level group of consultants. *cy. attached*

2. I understand that the Inspector General intends to recommend in his report of survey of NPIC that a panel of consultants be convened to make a cross-disciplinary examination of photo interpretation technology and procedures in NPIC. We have had numerous panels formed to look at particular photo interpretation problems. Among these was a Photo Working Panel under the technical direction of [redacted] of [redacted] which spent some three months last year studying problems of image quality. Also last year, the Optics Panel of the Director's Scientific Advisory Board looked into problems of image quality, image reconstruction, and the optical capabilities of the Agency. However, there has not been an across the board scientific and technical examination of NPIC by outsiders since a survey made by the [redacted] in 1959.

3. The Inspector General has already devoted some time to identifying particularly well qualified men in fields such as physics, communications engineering, civil engineering, psychology, and education who might serve on the panel. Included on his list are such men as:

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25X1 request [ ] the Chairman of the Director's Scientific Advisory  
Board, to form a panel to make the study and to submit recommendations  
to the Director. If you wish, I will take the responsibility of making  
our wants known to [ ] and of indicating to him the caliber of  
men we would like to see on the panel.

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Deputy Director for Intelligence

cc: Executive Director  
Inspector General  
Director, BPAM  
Director, NPIC

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Director, NPIC

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1. As reported earlier to Messrs. Borel, [redacted] and [redacted] the Executive Director has asked me to convey the DDCI's instruction that you take immediate steps to re-examine the long-range requirements of NPIC and identify possible alternative courses, including a massive program to automate photo-interpretation. The Director has asked that a high level group of consultants be employed to examine this problem and to make recommendations to him on alternative courses of action.

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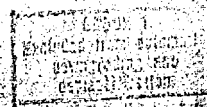
2. The DDCI specifically asked that the review suggested in paragraph 1. get full support and be undertaken on a timely basis. Both the Director and the DDCI are mindful of the Inspector General's report. Nevertheless, they have clearly expressed the view that outside consultants should be employed for the purpose outlined above and have asked that we jointly report to them a plan of action in this regard.



Director of Budget,  
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cc: Executive Director



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